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BIG FLEET IN-- PRICES DOWN

Off-Shore Haddock Quoted at \$2 at New Pier This Morning.

With clearing weather, quite a fleet of the Cape Shore haddocks made the Boston Fish Pier over night, giving the dealers plenty of new stock.

Two dandy fares are those of schs. Aspinet, Capt. Jake Brigham who brings an 82,000 pound fare, mostly haddock and Pontiac, Capt. Ernest Parsons, 80,000 pounds of which 55,000 pounds are haddock and the remainder cod, hake, cusk and pollock.

Other arrivals are schs. Onato, 53,000 pounds; Reading, 45,000 pounds; Thomas S. Gorton, 30,000 pounds; Conqueror, 42,000 pounds; James W. Parker, 63,000 pounds; Elk, 35,000 pounds; steamer Surf, 40,000 pounds. Added to these are several of the shore market fleet.

Prices were down, wholesale quotations being \$2 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$3.25 to \$3.50 for large and \$2.50 for market cod, \$2 to \$3.50 for hake, \$2 to \$2.25 for pollock, and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Currier, 1500 haddock, 1800 cod.
Sch. Onato 26,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Str. Surf, 37,000 haddock, 700 cod, 3000 pollock.

Str. Heroine, 25,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 55,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 cusk, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Aspinet, 70,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Reading, 43,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 22,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Conqueror, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Elk, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 7000 cusk, 400 halibut.

Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 1400 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 1000 haddock, 3700 cod, 2500 cusk, 1200 pollock.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 2200 cod, 2000 hake, 1500 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Angeline C. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2100 cod, 5000 hake, 1200 pollock.

Sch. Pearl, 250 cod.

Sch. James W. Parker, 26,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 10,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Haddock, \$2 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$3.50; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.50.

Belgian Artist Eats It at Boothbay Harbor.

Recent tests made by Valentine Henneman of Bruges, Belgium, an artist who is spending the winter in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, have proved that rockweed, which grows along the seacoast, can be used as an article of food and when properly prepared is a dish of much excellence.

The artist, who is greatly interested in the relief work in this country for his unfortunate countrymen, was led to experiment with the rockweed shortly after a fund had been raised by local citizens for the purchase of a quantity of salt fish to be sent to the starving Belgians. Knowing full well that sheep live on rockweed at times, Mr. Henneman decided to experiment with it as an article of food for human beings.

Gathering a quantity of the weed he boiled it in fresh water for three hours, then baked it in a hot oven and ran it through a coffee mill, grinding it to a fine powder. The boiling took out the salts, and it was ready to be prepared.

The Belgian found that rockweed mixed with potatoes and bacon, well seasoned with salt and pepper, makes a fine dinner. Then he decided to make a rockweed soup and by combining the ground substance with onions, beef bone, sorrel and bay leaves, found he had a soup of unusual excellence. Other menus have consisted of boiled rockweed powder, pork, vinegar, salt and pepper which made a fine breakfast, and another mixture was composed of onions, rockweed, a spoonful of flour and the whole fried in lard. Rockweed alone has a most delicious flavor. He says he has felt no ill effects from his experiments, and on the contrary, has a fine appetite, and is feeling unusually well.

The artist hopes to interest the New England Belgian Relief Association in the food product which is in great abundance about Boothbay Harbor, and a small amount of money would procure great quantities of the raw material, which has heretofore never been considered of any value in this vicinity except for fertilizer purposes.

The Belgians, according to artist Henneman, consider mussels, dogfish, sharks and skate as delicacies, and declares that a shipload of these varieties of fish, mixed with rockweed, would be eagerly welcomed by his countrymen. He is working on plans to procure these supplies.

Halibut from Prince Rupert.

Halibut caught in Alaska waters by American schooners has commenced to find its way to the eastern markets through the port of Prince Rupert, Capt. D. McKenzie, master of the G. T. P. steamer Prince George, said that the train which pulled out from Prince Rupert last Wednesday for the east carried two carloads of Alaska fish, consigned to Boston.

The shipment of halibut which left Prince Rupert last Wednesday consisted of 47,200 pounds. Through Prince Rupert the Alaska fish goes in bond, the same as from the southern Canadian ports, so that there is no advantage gained by the carrying of the catches south. The immense fishing opportunities of Alaska in common with those of the northern British Columbia coast will find in Prince Rupert the most advantageous route by which to ship to the markets of the east. The trade is but beginning.

ANDROSCOGGIN IS DUE TODAY

Hospital Ship to Leave Boston Friday or Saturday on First Cruise.

The revenue cutter Androscoggin, Capt. E. W. Hall, which has been assigned as a hospital ship for work among deep-sea fishermen, will probably arrive in Boston harbor today. A wireless message from the vessel yesterday afternoon said that she was anchored off Hedge Fence Shoal, Vineyard Sound, waiting for the fog to lift.

The cutter left Baltimore last Saturday, after the necessary alterations had been made and the hospital equipment installed. Capt. H. M. Broadbent, who has charge of the Revenue Cutter Service in this district received yesterday from Washington the cruising orders for the Androscoggin.

A doctor and nurse will join the cutter at Boston and she will leave, probably Friday or Saturday, on her first trip to the fishing grounds as a hospital ship. The Androscoggin will make her headquarters at Boston and will return from time to time for coal and supplies.

WANTS LAWS TO PRESERVE FISH

Capt. Carl C. Young and Secretary of the Board of Trade Henry F. Brown have been appointed to act in conjunction with Representatives Lyle, Foster and Tolman to confer with Dr. George W. Fields, chairman of the Fish and Game Commission in regard to proposed laws for the preservation of salt water fish in the rivers and harbors of Massachusetts.

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Portland Fishing News.

There were several fish arrivals in Portland Tuesday, but practically all of these were small, the fishermen being driven in from the banks on account of the terrible weather outside. The sch. Wesley G. Sinnett was the high-liner for the day with a fare of 9000 pounds while the Katie Palmer had 8000, the Albert D. Willard, 3000 and the Topsail Girl, 5000. The sloop Minerva came in with about 1000 pounds and the steamer Mustado had about 700 weight. Capt. McIntyre, of the steamer, said that he had an extremely rough time of it while out on the banks and that an hour and a half was in a practically helpless condition when the rope became entangled with the wheel.

The Halifax Market.

Says the Halifax Herald: During the past two weeks' drizzle pickled fish have shown marked pettiness at Halifax, scarcely any arriving simply because there is any to come. The only place of fish in sticks in Nova Scotia is at Lunenburg, where the fishermen who have been holding for higher prices have some 40,000 to 50,000 quintals on hand, both bank and bay fish. A few cargoes have changed hands during the past two weeks, but fishermen, not content with the per quintal they have been receiving for cod, are asking \$6.75. A prominent local merchant in conversation with The Herald yesterday, said that he believed the Lunenburg stockholders would get what they wanted, and that the price of fish would eventually reach \$7.00 per quintal, that all the fish procurable would be wanted in the spring even at high prices.

The market at present is somewhat slow. The small shipments are made on each of the steamers for the south, and cod brought in are looked for. At present the Rico market is congested by the recent heavy buying of importers. It is expected, however, that this condition will shortly pass and the fish with this fish-buying center in Brazil still remains the same. Cargoes continue to meet with success at good prices in Northern Brazil, the south is somnolent. There is a very great movement of fish to the American market and the prices are not what they should be.

Newfoundland cod is meeting a good market at Oporto and is selling at higher prices, regardless of quantity, than Nova Scotia fish, asserted a fish merchant, but, he said the price for this was not quite apparent to the trade.

The trade in pickled fish is very active altho the average is fairly good the time of the year. At present the fish are very small and prices remain fairly steady.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish—Local conditions have improved from bad to worse owing to large receipts, poor demand and deterioration of stocks. We quote \$26.50 per quintal and rather nominally, for it is impossible to place large quantities at figure. We think that a curtailment of shipments is imperative under present adverse circumstances.

Pollock and haddock—The demand for these descriptions of fish is poorer than for codfish. We quote them at from \$18 to \$20 per quintal, 448 lbs. on usual basis net ex wharf. S. RAMIREZ & Co.

A New Halibut Bait Boat.

The Wesco Fish Company, operates a halibut baiting station at Craig, on the west coast of Prince Wales Island, Alaska, has made a halibut bait boat out of the 60-foot launch. The hold of the launch will easily store 300 barrels of bait and by her use a halibut vessel can be baited in one hour's time. Unlike the herring are kept alive in the hold made by stretching netting and piling.

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THE LONESOME CRAFT IN HERE

One lone arrival was all that there is to report here up to noon today. Sch. Elk, Capt. Felix Hogan, bringing down 20,000 pounds of her fresh fare from Boston yesterday afternoon. This was Capt. Hogan's last trip in the Elk, a new craft, the Somerville being at the port, fitting for her maiden voyage.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Elk, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Sennett, shore.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.
Sch. Alice, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.80.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 per bbl. for salt bulk. \$4.25 per bbl. for pickled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.40.
Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut, 16c for white and 11c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

Doing Well at Galveston.

Galveston fishermen have been making some very good size catches of late, in opinion of all fishermen being that the industry is improving each day. From inland points comes a greater demand for fish, and there are times when it is almost impossible to meet the demand. It is only a question of time until there will be a good sized fleet of fishing vessels carrying fish to the city for distribution to other points. Two vessels of the Gulf Fisheries Co. fleet made port, the Cape Horn carrying 28,000 pounds of redfish and the Yucatan 26,000 pounds. The Cape Horn had good weather while the Yucatan had storms. Had it been otherwise, the last named vessel would have had a bigger haul.

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FINE FARES AT BOSTON TODAY

Receipts of fresh groundfish at Boston this morning totalled nearly 370,000 pounds. The largest fares arriving were schs. Bay State, Capt. Archie McLeod, 90,000 pounds; Mystery, 50,000 pounds; Commonwealth, Capt. Frank Watts, 61,000 pounds; Mildred Robinson, Capt. Gilfoye, 41,000 pounds; Matthew S. Greer, Capt. Greer, 41,000 pounds; Benj. A. Smith, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, 40,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$2.50 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$3 to \$4 for large and \$1.50 to \$2.25 for market cod, \$2 to \$3.50 for hake, \$2 to \$2.25 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7500 haddock, 5300 cod, 1500 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Bay State, 55,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Str. Spray, 15,000 haddock, 2200 cod.
Sch. Mystery, 28,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Commonwealth, 42,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 20,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 8000 cusk.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 27,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 halibut.
Sch. James and Esther, 3500 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.25; hake, \$2 to \$3.50; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25.

PURSE SEINES FOR HALIBUT

The former Puget Sound purse seiner Kong Sverre has been transformed into a halibut vessel, and on October 22 left for Southeast Alaska, where she will probably spend the winter fishing on the halibut banks.

Right!

Says the Fishing Gazette editorially: The Massachusetts fish merchants are agitating against the newly proposed cold-storage bill. The bill, which is being fostered by the Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee, is, of course, a proposed piece of Federal legislation, which limits the period for fish storage to two months. No wonder the fishing fraternity rise in protest. The bill would impose a senseless hardship. Fish in good condition do not deteriorate in cold storage.

To Extract Chemical Products from Kelp.

The Western Algin Company, of Seattle, has built a plant at Port Stanley, on Lopez island, in Puget Sound, and will endeavor to extract various chemicals from kelp, the principal products sought being potash and algin.

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HERRING FLEET OUT NUMBERS 20

Fourteen vessels which sailed from here several weeks ago to Newfoundland for herring, have yet to return from their first trip. There are also eight vessels now absent on their second trip. The vessels and dates of sailings are as follows:

Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley, October 30.
Sch. Arbitrator, Capt. Antone C. Silva, November 3.
Sch. John R. Bradley, Capt. Dominick Arsenault, October 16.
Sch. Olga, Capt. Nicholas Cole, October 30.
Sch. Oriole, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, November 12.
Sch. Essex, Capt. Ike Evans, November 4.
Sch. Gov. Russell, Capt. Louis Soares, November 12.
Br. sch. Independence, II, Capt. Newran Wharion, November 13.
Sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Al Evans, November 13.
Sch. Agnes, Capt. Fred Upshell, November 14.
Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, November 21.
Br. sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Fudge, November 21.
Br. sch. Aristan, Capt. Norman A. Ross, December 11.
Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Lewis Wharton, December 11.
The following vessels are on their second trip:
Sch. Athlete, Capt. Thomas Benham, November 27.
Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, November 18.
Sch. Senator, Capt. Axel Laager, November 23.
Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Percy Firth, December 12.
Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. George Bangey, December 1.
Sch. Arkona, December 11.
Sch. Aloha, Capt. Wallace Parsons, December 17.
Br. sch. W. C. Smith, December 19.

Back from North Sydney, C. B.

Capt. Jerome McDonald has returned from North Sydney, C. B., where he has been looking after his vessel, sch. Catherine Burke. Capt. William McKay has now taken command of the craft.

AS NEW YORK SEES SALT FISH

The Fishing Gazette in its weekly review of the salt fish market says.

"Codfish makes me think of topsyturvy land," said the executive of one of New York's leading salt fish houses last Tuesday. "You see the prices are high at catching points and low at selling points. If I could raise codfish in Porto Rico and sell in Newfoundland just think of the money I could make. The thing ought to be turned around."

"It is perfectly true that New York commission houses cannot compete with consignments in the export mar-

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kets. They've had trouble in doing that for years, as you have pointed out in Gazette," said another well-known authority.

"With respect to the interesting discussion now going on in the columns of the Fishing Gazette, with respect to commission houses and export markets, I will say that we have no trouble whatsoever in dealing with commission houses. We quote a price to commission houses in New York and then we quote another to the consignees in the export markets. For instance, if we sell codfish at \$30 net to New York commission houses, we allow \$1 per cask for transportation and add four per cent. to that in quoting to handlers in export markets. The four per cent. is the profit, and contents the commission houses and everybody is satisfied all around."

The foregoing is a summary of one of the leading codfish authorities in New York.

Said a New York authority a few days ago:

The usual dullness incident to the season is in control of the market and the situation presents little calling for special mention. The general tone is steady and there have been no quotable changes in prices."

The price of dried codfish has moved up at Newfoundland and it is now about the highest price it ever attained in the memory of the present generation. The figure for Prime Merchantable and Madeira is from \$7 to \$7.30 per quintal, and good dry Labrador is quoted from \$6.80 to \$7 per quintal. Slop Labrador is going at \$4.70 to \$5, and West India is worth from \$3.70 to \$4. Cod oil is selling at \$78 per tun in oak packages, and herring are quoted at \$3.20 per barrel.

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The Salt Mackerel Market.

Concerning the salt mackerel market, the Fishing Gazette says:

A stagnant market will remain the rule with this fishstuff until the seasonable action asserts itself about six weeks hence.

"Salt mackerel are in light demand and there are no changes in price quotations. The receipts during the past week comprise 19 barrels from Canada and 507 barrels from Ireland," reads a special report from Boston.

Liverpool, Eng., December 5.—Shipments this week were as follows: To New York, str. Transylvania, 200 bbls.; Lapland, 248 bbls. To Boston, str. Canadian, 562 bbls.; Sagamore, 47 bbls.; Bohemian, 50 bbls.; Mercion, 159 bbls. To Philadelphia, str. Dominion, 717 bbls.; Carthaginian, 623 bbls. To Baltimore, str. Larchmore, 430 bbls. To St. John, N. B., str. Scandinavian, 312 bbls. Total for week, 3348 bbls. Total shipments to date, 1914 Irish Autumn, 11,792 bbls.

Said a leading trade factor last Tuesday: "Our agent in Ireland reports quite heavy shipments during last week of Irish mackerel; 448 bbls. went to New York, 818 bbls. went to Boston, 1340 bbls. went to Philadelphia, 430 bbls. went to Baltimore, 213 bbls. went to St. John, N. B., making a total for the week of 3348 bbls., bringing the total of shipments of 1914 Irish autumn mackerel to date to 11,792 bbls. The market is quiet and unchanged. Norway mackerel has been in somewhat better demand, and prices are stiffening; 4s are getting quite scarce."